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Would George Washington have believed, back in 1773, volunteer citizen militias would yet, or once again, be offering armed resistance to government, but no longer against the Empire of Britain, but against the government he helped establish, the Government of The United States of America.

Even though provisions for citizen militias were incorporated into the Constitution, it is doubtful General Washington envisioned citizen volunteers still 'fighting' the government 223 years later. Of course, the fact this particular provision was made demonstrates the healthy skepticism Washington felt about government in general.

The re-emergence of state militia organizations as a growing entity for government to recognize and reckon with began in the mid '80s. Forty five years of a Democratic Congress abridging and circumventing the Constitution, followed by political utilization of the Supreme Court, loss of civil liberties and capped with destruction of the purchasing power of the dollar and international trade policies that decimated the country's job base and economy, impacted on the Nationalism of the sleeping American public.

Using the pretext of 'exports' and 'law-and-order, Constitutional freedoms began evaporating, especially for middle class working white men. A large body of these men were veterans, serving in foreign wars dating back to WW11. Pride and Patriotic fervor had been at the forefront of these men's personalities. They also possessed extensive military training, provided by the same government who now denied them rights, respect and the freedoms they thought they had sacrificed their lives for.

The government misjudged the passionate patriotism, and love of hard fought liberties several generations now held in common. The government also made the tragic mistake of ignoring this groups concerns in favor of social policy designed to benefit the

unproductive members of society. Corporate America further compounded the growing unrest by disdaining years of loyalty, closing industry down in favor of cheaper labor and regulations provided in foreign lands.

The table was being set for a reawakening of American Constitutional concern. When threatened with issues of freedom, be they from a foreign or domestic nature, Americas long history provides for the alternative response of Patriotism as *the* Constitutional remedy. Importation of millions of foreign nationalities, combined with government bankrupted giveaway policies to minorities left the predominate white middle class in worsening economic condition. The fact this generation is the first generation that could possibly do *worse*, economically than their elders was having repercussions throughout middle America.

Many groups with similar 'interests' had learned to present strength to Washington and congress, the results of which were to deplete the national treasury at the expense of middle America. Free education, condoms and syringes were provided to minority and special interest organizations. What middle class Americans lacked was-organization. This was soon to change!

The void was created. Middle class white men and women felt besieged, and demonized by The Government. But, inexperienced in organizational leadership and methods, this class of American's cries for recognition went unheeded by local, state and federal government officials. Enter the *organization* so desperately sought by middle class Americans-*The Militia*.

Organized at first on a local level, the militias rapidly expanded to state level status. Ordinary folks were *banding-and-bonding* together at last. Their concerns were real, their justification written into the Constitution. Now, finally, their own class of people would be heard, be able to 'fight back', to actively 'do' something about their deteriorated condition.

As the gathering Patriotic storm garnered momentum, the government, under President George Bush, either ignored, or because of the militia members conservatism, choose to silently accept their organizing in return for anticipated votes in the election of 1992. Bush grossly miscalculated, losing the Patriotic vote as well as the election. January of 1992 saw the emergence of Bill Clinton to the Presidency, a man whose values were diametrically opposed to those of the Patriotic Christian Constitutionally oriented growing militias. Patriots, conservatives and populists foresaw Clinton's ascendancy as a warning shot across the bow. The 'storm' was about to erupt.

Patriots were almost immediately demonized by a somewhat *weird* assembly of

ultra-liberal, anti-Christian Cabinet appointees. The war of words had begun. On April 19, 1994, a Christian enclave in Waco, Texas, under Clinton government siege for over 50 days and nights, was violently 'attacked' by BATF and FBI led tanks. This was in retaliation for an erroneous attack previously which led to the death of four federal agents. The result this time was immediate incineration of 87 men, women and children who resided in the enclave. The action, personally directed by Clinton's Attorney General Janet Reno, was to American Patriots, Lexington revisited. The 'war' had begun.

Militia membership swelled, doubling and tripling in many states. What was once a silent Constitutional Patriotism, became a public government rebellion of words overnight. Clinton, underestimating the passion, resolve and numbers involved in the expanding Patriotic movement, erred again. This time enlisting the cooperation of the mostly liberal establishment media and press to *paint* the Patriotic militia movement as *right-wing terrorist*.

Then the anticipated return volley exploded America's televisions into mass carnage scenes for the second time in two years with the mighty explosion of a federal government building in Oklahoma City. The impact was devastating, 167 federal employees, including children being attended to at the site's daycare center, died instantly. Live television once again shook the conscience of Americas living rooms.

Almost immediately, a suspect was inadvertently arrested and then held in connection to the bombing. The suspects name was Timothy McVeigh, who was identified as both an ex-soldier who had fought for his country in the Persian Gulf war, and, who the government described as having links to the Michigan Militia. At once the Clinton Administration ordered intense federal scrutiny placed upon all militia organizations countrywide. Once again, Clinton's disdain for the Patriotic movement abreast was to backfire.

Clinton went public, castigating all Patriots and militias as *terrorists*, temporarily placing the militia movement on the defense. However, no sooner had the ashes settled in Oklahoma City, with public opinion swaying slightly against militias, when the government, utilizing the FBI once again,

managed to murder the ten year old child and wife of a government described *White supremacist*, Randy Weaver, at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

The American public was beginning to awaken to this by now continuing series of *skirmishes* between the federal enforcement arm of the government, and self-described Patriots. By now the public understood the Oklahoma bombing was in direct retaliation for the governments murderess act at Waco. This revelation caused the country to reexamine Waco, which until now, had been passed off by the government as an extremist off-beat religious *armed compound*. American's began to wonder if the government *was* indeed abusing the rights of it's dissenting citizens through the overuse

of military-style vendettas. The most prolific realization being displayed was the people being victimized were not minority or foreign extremist groups, but were White citizens. The average middle class American could identify with them. It was becoming publicly difficult to believe, and dismiss the governments actions any longer.

Despite governments actions to remain on the *offensive*, Patriotic organization membership once again doubled. More and more Americans were willing to resist the governments label of extremist, racist and terrorist, and openly describe themselves as Patriotic, or, actively join their state militia.

A growing number of citizens were beginning to realize, due to increased educational methods employed by the militias, the militias were constitutionally bred. The increased awareness of Constitutionally wrapped militias allowed these same organizations to educate more Americans on other important Constitutional freedom and monetary issues. Citizens were beginning to accept Patriots as common-bond *defenders* of the middle class, even a *group* who represented their beliefs and frustrations. The American public had *found* its voice in the militias.

Now it was the militias turn to *stand up and be counted*. Did not George Washington belong to a *militia*? And were not the militias of that age *Patriots*? Reason was now dictating if militias were Patriots, and Patriots were the root-system of our founding fathers, and the Constitution definitely permitted militias, then Constitutionally Unorganized Citizen Volunteer Patriotic Militias *had* to be granted their due legality and recognition by the government, and besides, they *were* representing the peoples values and freedoms, were they not?

The establishment fought back with all the power at its disposal, terming Patriotic groups as racist, and anti-Semitic. Those terms had always turned public opinion in the past. This time, the establishments guns were empty, as J.J. Johnson, the Black leader of the Ohio Unorganized Militia spoke out. The Central Michigan Militia's roster included two Jewish members, and the N. Carolina Militia advertise openly for members of all sexes and races. The governments and the presses rhetoric was becoming shallow.

The *educational* process of linking Patriots of present day to notable Patriots of days gone by was succeeding. The linkage of events, and their comparison to historic rebellious events of days gone by were also succeeding. The militias had become Patriots, and vice versa. The progression will continue,

until possibly the Patriots will return the government , and its Constitution to the American people. Amen.

Regional and State Militia Activity

Alaska

Alaskan militias are connected to the national movement via computer, which provide hard to obtain information in the remote tundra. The electronic bulletin board services *AmeriKa and Back Woods*, based in Anchorage, provide Patriotic updates; including articles by Linda Thompson. Several units have formed, although they are small in numbers.

Alabama

Alabama's most active militias are the *Gadsden Minutemen* of Etowah County and the *Sons of Liberty* based in Montgomery County. The Gadsden minutemen are headed by Mike Kemp and Jeff Randall. This group practices military combat techniques and produces a monthly newsletter. The *Sons of Liberty*, on the other hand maintain a 'low' profile, encouraging groups over 12 to spin off and reform. The *Sons of Liberty* proclaim: "Don't fire unless fired upon, but if the Feds mean to have a war, let it begin here."

Arizona

Militia units are active in the areas of Phoenix, Prescott, Payson, Snowflake, Kingman, Pinedale and the Four Corners. Growth has expanded since the Oklahoma City bombing. Arizona is also the home of William Cooper who broadcasts a shortwave radio program "Hour of the Time," which supports militias and is widely listened to. Former Phoenix policeman Jack McLamb, founder of 'Police Against the New World Order,' and County Sheriff Richard Mack have become leading Patriotic spokesmen against intrusion by the Federal government in the West.

Arkansas

The militia movement is small in Clinton state. Wayne Fincher of elkins has organized the *Militia of Washington County*. There are several small groups located in the Northwest region of the state.

California

California's militia movement is exploding, with approximately 35 active units, reflecting the size of this mega-state. Militias are active in the Counties of Los Angles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Kern, Placer, Alameda, Marin, Santa Clara, Shasta, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, El Dorado, Tulare, Sonoma, Mendocino, Butte, Tuolumne and Tehama.

Dean Compton has founded the *National Alliance of Christian Militias* in Shasta County. The group blends Biblical teachings with survivalism, and practice combat training. Bo Gritz helped the formation of Militias in Butte County and in Glendale. The *Morongo Valley Militia*, headed by Tom Johns is very active in Patriotic issues.

Colorado

Militia units operate in Larimer and Weld Counties, as well as in the Ft. Collins region. Colorado is the home to many Patriotic and Alternative Press publications and Patriotic radio stations. The militia movement is growing slowly and steadily but is not a major vocal influence at this time.

Delaware

The *Delaware Regional Citizens Militia*, located in the central part of the state and headed by Andrew Brown is the only known militia group operating in the tiny state. The group prefers to avoid publicity.

Florida

Florida is patrolled by many active militia groups. Counties with active units include: Alachua, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Marion, Orange, Brevard, Highlands, St. Lucie, Martin, Volusia, Indian River, Okeechobee, Pinella, Sarasota, Pasco, Polk, Hillsborough, Palm Beach and Monroe.

St. Lucies hosts the *Florida State Militia, 2nd Regiment*. Recently the *Northwest Florida Militia* has become very active along with the *Northeast Florida Militia*. Florida is home to many radio and shortwave Patriotic programs, including Chuck Harter and Chuck Baldwin. Another group very active is the *North Florida Patriot Association*.

Georgia

Georgia has become a focal point on militia activity with the 'setup' and 'staged arrest' of Georgia Militia leader Mr. Starr. Frank Smith, a retired air force veteran claims leadership of several units of the Georgia Militia. Units are also active in Hall County, northeast of Atlanta. Linda Thompson, Patriotic activist from Indiana hails from Marietta, outside Atlanta. Other active Patriotic groups are the *Georgia Taxpayers Association*, a pro-Constitutional group and *The Voice of Liberty Patriots*, led by Rick Taylor.

Idaho

Idaho, the rallying point for Patriots since the Weaver family siege and murders by Federal agents is also the home base of the *United States Militia Association*, led by Samuel Sherwood of Blackfoot. Bo Gritz has built a survivalist community in the central part of the state and hosts a shortwave program from his Idaho location.

Idaho is also home to many Aryan groups, as well as any number of Christian Identity organizations. The majority of Idaho's residents are linked to one Patriotic group or another. Succession from the United States has been on the backburner for a decade now.

Illinois

The *Illinois Minutemen*, a militia based in Lombard County with members in Cook, Dupage, Will, Kane and McHenry Counties, and led by Mike Bafundo is the largest of active groups in this state. Another active Patriotic group is the *Southern Illinois Patriots league* from Carbondale.

Indiana

Indiana has become a very active 'militia' state, with organizations in St. Joseph's, Allen, Johnson, Ripley, Warrick and Dearborn Counties. Many of these groups belong to the larger *Indiana Citizens Volunteer Militia*. Indiana is also the home of militia activist Linda Thompson, of Indianapolis. Another vocal and active Patriotic area is in Boonville, home of the *North American Volunteer Militia*, led by Joe Holland.

Other militias active are the *Tri-County Carbineers*, led by Jimmy Funkhouser from Elberfield. To qualify for membership in this group one must possess an assault rifle with 100 rounds of ammo. A local Indianapolis policeman, James Heath, heads the *Johnson County Militia* outside of Indianapolis.

Iowa

Militias operate in 35 counties in Iowa, although their membership is generally small. Patriotic attitudes run strong but may not be very organized. Paul Stauffer from Cedar Rapids leads a loosely knit coalition of county militias.

Kansas

Kansas has a number of very active militia groups including: *The Kansas Citizens Militia*, led by C.D. Olsen and Morris Wilson, with operating units in Wichita, Junction City and Topeka. Another active group is the *1st Kansas Mechanized Militia*, part of the *Kansas Citizens Militia* and led by Brigadier General Brad Glover, who is also Commander of the *1st Regiment*.

Kentucky

Two groups operating in Kentucky are the *Kentucky Citizens Militia*, operating out of Lexington and headed by Danny and Diane Snellon, and the *Defenders of Liberty* from Boone County in Northern Kentucky. Unlike the *Kentucky Citizens Militia*, the *Defenders of Liberty Militia* do wear uniforms and undergo paramilitary training.

Louisiana

The *Militia of Louisiana*, out of Lafayette and headed by Tom Parker is growing rapidly. The group numbers over 70 members and practices combat training.

Michigan

Probably the most active militia state in the country. The *Northern Michigan Militia* was founded by Norm Olson, and though exact numbers are difficult to ascertain, membership in the hundreds would be plausible. Another extremely large militia which is very active is the *Central Regional Michigan Militia*, headed by General Lynn Van Huizen. The membership in this group is very large and very active in local state issues, though not as militant as the *Northern Michigan Militia*. Norm Olson is considered to be radical and detrimental to the militia movement by most members of the *Central Regional Michigan Militia*, who prefer a public voice in effecting change. Combined, there may be as many as a thousand militia members throughout the numerous counties of Michigan. Most of the members are armed and would present a formidable force to be reckoned with by the government.

Minnesota

The militia movement is not predominate in Minnesota, although there are several operating units including: the *Arrowhead Regional Militia* in Duluth and the St. Cloud based *Metro Militia* and the *Red Pine Regional Militia*, located in the Minneapolis area.

Mississippi

The militia movement in this state is largely centralized under the *Mississippi Militia* and led by Drew Rayner. Membership may number 60.

Missouri

Missouri in another state where the militia movement is growing monumentally. Militias include: The St. Louis based *Missouri Volunteers Militia*, led by John Moore, the Springfield based 24th *Missouri Militia* and the western section based *Missouri 51st Militia*.

These state militias are active in 14 counties, covering most of the state with the *Missouri 51st Militia* being the most vocal.

Montana

The *Militia of Montana (MOM)* is certifiably the most active, public and militant militia organization in the country. Led by the "Godfather" of Militias, John Trochmann, and assisted by his brother David and his nephew Randy, *MOM* leaves no stone unturned defending Constitutional issues. The elder Trochmann has become a leading public spokesman for the Patriotic movement in America, with appearances on national TV, speaking engagements at Preparedness Expo's etc.

Montana is also the home of the *Freemen*, a Federal Reserve protest organization, who have disdained Federal authority and formed their own government, Justus Township. The *Freemen's* ploy is to mirror the Federal Reserve System, thereby demonstrating the fantasy of the system.

Nebraska

Militia organization is small in the cornhusker state. One group does operate out of Omaha, the *Nebraska Militia*, but membership is hard to determine.

New Hampshire

The militia movement is strong within the freedom state. Militias include the *Hillsborough Troop of Dragons*, led by Fitzhugh MacCrae, the *White Mountain Militia* headed by N.Scott Stevens, and the Plainsfield based *Constitution Defense Militia*, led by Ed Brown.

New Mexico

Patriotic fervor is running high in this state. Militias are very active around Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Raton and Farmington. New Mexico is also the home of the Clayton Douglas publication 'The Free American.' Active membership is statewide and difficult to determine.

New York

Militia membership is exploding in the Apple state with units in Tioga, Steuben, Schuyler, Chenango, Conland, Broome and Chemung counties. The *Citizens Militia, Chemung Division* is led by Jerry Loper. Francis Catlin heads the Chenango County unit. Recently, militia units have formed in Dutchess and Orange counties. Walter Reddy heads the *Orange County Militia*.

North Carolina

The militia movement in North Carolina has become more pronounced and public recently. Leader Jeff Rudd of the *Alamance Minuteman* has utilized the computer bulletin board services to gain publicity. The *North Carolina Citizens Militia* has also recently become more publicity oriented, also using computer web pages to offer their message.

New Jersey

The garden state's once quiet militia movement has recently blossomed into a growing Patriotic oriented organization of sizable membership. The *New Jersey Militia* is active, with members in all

counties of the state. Militia organizers and spokesmen include Bob Figurero, Earl Dicky, and Denny Rambo. The *Camden County Regiment* is led by Ken Bellingoff. Membership is counted as over 200 statewide.

Ohio

Ohio is another state categorized as 'very active' in militia activity. The *Ohio Unorganized Militia*, headed by J.J. Johnson, is the largest umbrella organization of the many county units. The group is particularly active in the counties of Franklin, Brown, Clermont, Hamilton, Stark, Coshocton, Columbiana, Williams, Lucas, Medina and Montgomery. Edward Havran leads the very active *Stark County Militia Unit of the OUM*.

Oklahoma

The most recognizable militia movement in the Sooner state is the *Oklahoma Citizens Militia*, led by Ross Hullet. Membership is undeterminable, although the unit does consist of many Christian Patriots due to the strong Bible belt connection.

Oregon

Although Patriotic and independent feeling run very strong in the Northwest, militia movement activity is modest here. The *Central Oregon Regional Militia* operates in Prineville and the County of Deschutes. In Salem, the *Northwest Oregon Regional Militia* is in a state of flux due to leader Mike Cross's withdrawal from the unit fearing 'persecution' by the Federal government.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's militia movement is experiencing dramatic growth and interest. The mostly rural state is home to various units including a division headquarters of the *United States Free Militia*, a nationwide militia umbrella organization. Militia units are also active in Dauphin, Delaware, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery and Chester Counties. The western section of the state is dominated by *The Keystone Militia*, operating out of Crawford County. The *Pennsylvania Citizens Militia* from Carlton has also become quite active and public.

South Carolina

The very visible *S. Carolina Militia*, led by Colonel Ian RoeBuck, is currently undergoing expansion and change. Mr. Terry Hicks has replaced Colonel RoeBuck as state militia leader, with RoeBuck returning to the ministry. The militia currently has over 100 members and is very active on the Internet.

South Dakota

South Dakota is the home office of the visible *Tri-States Militia*, the closest entity to a national militia movement in the U.S. Recently though, its leader John Parsons, has been denounced by other militia leaders when it became public Parsons received funding from the FBI in exchange for information on para-military style militia units. Parsons act of 'turning in' a militia member to the Feds for alleged bomb making plans has caused Parsons to be termed a "traitor" by J.J. Johnson of the OUM. The future of this militia is uncertain.

Tennessee

Though the Christian Patriotic movement is very strong in the Volunteer state, militia units are not dominate. The pro-militia Christian Civil Liberties Association is based in Morristown, and there are some active units operating near Memphis.

Texas

Texas, always a fiercely independent state has recently been the point of all attention within the government and the Patriotic community after the formation of the *Texas Constitutional Republic*, a proclaimed separate constitutional government operating independent of the United States Government. The *Constitutional Republic* movement has gained support and supporters rapidly and is causing both the Texas state government and the Federal government much consternation.

In addition to the Constitutional movement, a very active *Texas Constitutional Militia* has wide organizational ties, operating in the areas of San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Beaumont and Plano. This militia is led by John Turner and Russell Smith. In East Texas the *Red River Militia Guard* is active in Gilmore, Marshall, DeKalb and Texarkana.

Around San Antonio, the *U.S. Civil Militia*, led by Betty and Carl Schier is very active. The Texas Militia groups are supported by Republican Congressman Steve Stockman, who has strong support among Patriotic organizations within the state.

Utah

Patriotic fervor runs high in this large Biblical oriented state, with some seven militia units active, especially in Elder County and St. George. Many survivalist movements predominate Utah.

Virginia

There are quite a few militia units active in the Mountain state. Foremost being the *Virginia Citizens Militia*, operating out of Ashland. Also active is the *Blue Ridge Hunt Club* and the *Virginia Freeborn Civilian Militia*. The *Virginia Citizens Militia* is very publicity oriented, with extensive Internet web pages.

Washington

The militia movement is widespread in this Northwest bastion of independence with units active in Seattle, Spokane and Clark and Cowlie Counties. The *United States Militia Association* maintains affiliated units in Clark County, led by David Darby. The Constitutional movement is very strong in Washington.

West Virginia

This mostly liberal state does entertain the *Mountaineer Militia*, led by Ray Looker from the Clarksburg area. W. Virginia is also the home office of The National Alliance and was the starting point for many now based Western Aryan groups.

Wisconsin

The *Militia of Wisconsin*, also referred to as the *Freemen Militia of Wisconsin* is an umbrella organization with units active in Waupaca County under Don Treloar, Vernon County under Will Holzli, and near Slinger. This militia actively engages in combat training and maneuvers.

Wyoming

Colonel Bob Becker, of Cheyenne, leads the *Western United Militia*, claiming 21 divisions in 17 Western states. In Sweetwater County the *Wyoming Militia* has organized and is active.

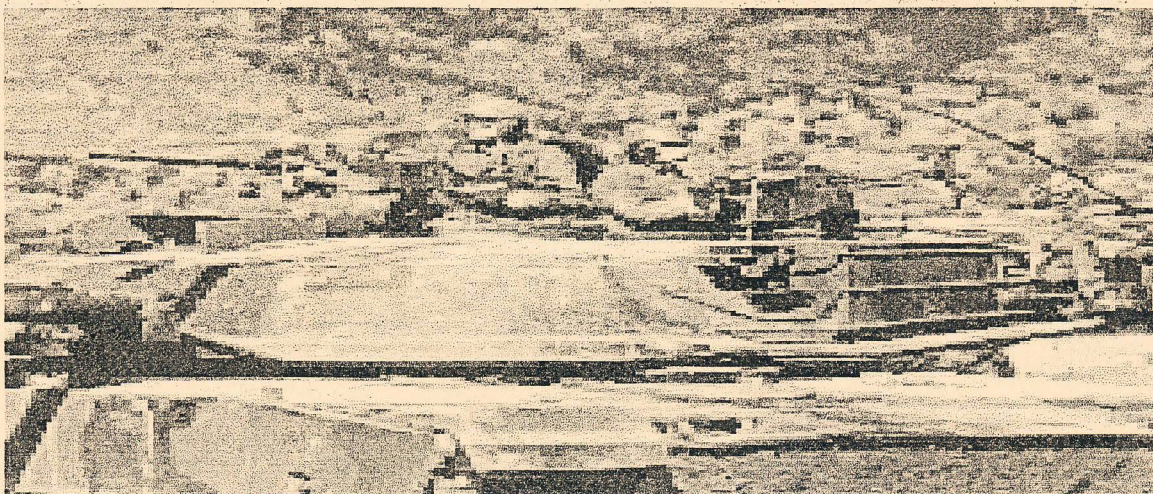
SUMMARY

The militia movement in the United States now consists of over 400 operating units nationally. All militia spokesmen contacted by Colony News report dramatic increases in new members on an almost daily basis.

The militia movement *has* had an effect on U.S. Government policy as witnessed by the restraint displayed in the *Freemen* standoff. The government realizes *rallying cries* such as Waco and Ruby Ridge need not be supplemented by *Montana Freeman*. The government also recognizes these rallying cries closely resemble the rallying cries of *Lexington* utilized by Patriots of days gone-by.

It is not exactly known how many militia units actively engage in para-military training and armed defense. Nor is it known how many low-keyed militia members would respond to a call-to-arms if requested. But the possibility of nationwide organized armed groups defending land against the U.S. Government, based on Constitutional grounds is alarming to the government.

How this all plays out remains to be seen.



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